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Classification Review Procedure

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Reference: CRD Memo dtd. 28 May 1980

Handling Documents Requested by Contract

OSI Researchers at NARS

- 1. In its continuing effort to find information concerning possible war crime activity during World War II of persons who later emigrated to the United States, the Department of Justice, Office of Special Investigations (DOJ/OSI), recently assigned a contract person, Mr. Mark Masurovsky, to conduct research on OSS records at NARS. Mr. John E. Taylor, of Modern Military Archives at NARS, has asked CRD for guidance regarding the processing of requests from Mr. Masurovsky for access to classified OSS records.
- 2. The office basically responsible for liaison with DOJ/OSI in regard to these matters is IMS/FPLG. ______ of that office supplied the following procedure which has been coordinated with DOJ/OSI by OGC and subsequently given to Mr. Taylor: When Mr. Masurovsky identifies from the index of OSS records a classified document which he believes is pertinent to his research, he will notify Mr. Taylor. The latter will locate and make a copy of the document which he will forward directly to CRD without showing it to Mr. Masurovsky. The document will be reviewed here in our offices, normally by members of the OSS Review Team. If the document can be declassified, we will notify Mr. Taylor of that fact and he will give Mr. Masurovsky access to the document. If the document retains its classification, it will be forwarded to IMS/FPLG. will be responsi- STAT ble for notifying DOJ/OSI that we have such a document and requesting that OSI send a cleared staff officer to Headquarters to review the document under established IMS procedures.
- 3. If Mr. Taylor or any other NARS employee requests a CRD reviewer to review a document that has been requested by Mr. Masurovsky or any other OSI contract person, the CRD reviewer should ask him to send the document directly to CRD for classification review through the regular intergovernmental courier. When the document is received at CRD, it will be handled as outlined in paragraph 2 above. This procedure complements that established in the referenced memorandum. CRD reviewers who work at NARS and Suitland should be familiar with these procedures.

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